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I DID NOT KNOW THAT PANAMA RANKED SO HIGH AMONG U.S. MISSIONS IN TERMS OF AMERICAN POSITIONS. NEVERTHELESS, ASSUMING THE CANAL TREATIES ARE APPROVED, WE HAVE ALREADY ASSESSED IMPLICATIONS OF TREATY IMPLEMENTATION RESPONSI-BILITIES THAT WILL DEVOLVE ON EMBASSY UPON DISAPPEARANCE OF CANAL ZONE AND ITS GOVERNMENT. WE HAVE COMMUNICATED WHAT WE CONSIDER OUR MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR STAFF AUGMENTATION TO DIRECTOR GENERAL, INSPECTOR GENERAL AND ARA ASST. SECY (PANAMA 1274 AND 1661) AND WE HAVE HAD THE BENEFIT OF SUPPORTIVE RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE INSPECTORS EARLIER THIS MONTH. ACCORDINGLY, WHILE I FULLY ENDORSE THE OBJECTIVES OF PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY TO REDUCE STAFFING IN DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS, I MUST SUBMIT A NEGATIVE REPORT. I AM SURE THAT ALL CONCERNED UNDERSTAND THAT PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES MAKE PANAMA A CONFIDENTIAL

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